

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Romero (US 6,589,691).

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 5 of this application. It is believed that the amended claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The cited reference to Romero teaches an anchor portion (1), an insulating seal (2) surrounding the anchor portion, a post member (3) located in the interior of the insulating seal, terminal plate (11) engaging the poste member (3) and being connected to a terminal post (10).

Romero does not teach a flange located on an interior surface of the peripheral wall of the battery casing; a connecting portion connecting the contact portion to an electric wire; the connecting portion extending outwardly from the contact portion along a side surface of the flange supporting the connecting portion; the contact portion being spaced apart from a casing of the battery; nor does Romero teach the cylindrical mounting portion, the contact portion and the connecting portion engaging the battery case.

It is further submitted that Romero does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Romero renders obvious any of Applicant's amended claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

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Summary

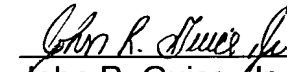
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner not be of the opinion that this case is in condition for allowance, it is requested that this amendment be entered for the purposes of appeal.

Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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